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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket Nos. 96-86, 06-150; PS Docket No. 06-229
Notice of Ex Parte Presentations

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The purpose of this letter is to provide notice that on September 13, 2007, Ralph Haller and Paul Leary, representing the Forestry Conservation Communications Association ("FCCA"), Bill Brownlow, representing the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials ("AASHTO"), Douglas Aiken, representing the International Municipal Signal Association ("IMSA"), and the undersigned, had meetings with Erika Olsen, Legal Advisor to Chairman Martin, and Renee Crittendon, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein, to discuss the above-captioned proceeding.

During the meetings, the FCCA, AASHTO, and IMSA shared their concerns as Public Safety Coordinators over their exclusion from the Board of Directors for the 700 MHz band National Public Safety Broadband Licensee ("Board") designated in the Commission's Second Report and Order adopted July 31, 2007. The participants recommended that the Commission, on its own motion, add the FCCA, AASHTO, and IMSA as voting members to the Board.

The attached materials were distributed at the meetings.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this notice was filed electronically in the above-captioned dockets. Should the Commission require further information, it is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ C. Douglas Jarrett

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cc: Erika Olsen
Renee Crittendon

Attachments

Responsibilities of National Public Safety Licensee Are Inextricably Linked to Frequency Coordination

As Defined in the 700 MHz Order, Para. 383

- Negotiation of the Network Sharing Agreement (NSA) with the winning bidder at auction for the Upper 700 MHz Band D Block license
- General administration of access to the national public safety broadband network by individual public safety entities, including assessment of usage fees to recoup its expenses and related frequency coordination duties.
- Sole authority, which cannot be waived in the NSA, to approve, in consultation with the D Block licensee, equipment and applications for use by public safety entities on the public safety broadband network. Accordingly, state and local public safety entities must obtain approval from the Public Safety Broadband Licensee prior to employing any equipment or applications on the public safety broadband network. State or local entities may seek review of a decision by the Public Safety Broadband Licensee not to permit a desired piece of equipment or application, or particular specifications for equipment or applications, from the Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, on an expedited basis, and then to the full Commission.
- Coordination of stations operating on public safety broadband spectrum with public safety narrowband stations, including management of the internal public safety guard band.
- Oversight and implementation of the relocation of narrowband public safety operations in channels 63 and 68, and the upper 1 megahertz of channels 64 and 69.
- Exercise of sole discretion, pursuant to Section 2.103 of the Commission's rules, whether to permit Federal public safety agency use of the public safety broadband spectrum, with any such use subject to the terms and conditions of the NSA.
- Responsibility for reviewing requests for wideband waivers and including necessary conditions or limitations consistent with the deployment and construction of the national public safety broadband network, and consistent with the procedures and restrictions in connection with such waivers that we have established elsewhere in this Second Report and Order.

Public Safety Broadband Licensee (PSBL)

Board of Directors – Public Safety Spectrum Trust

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| 1. | AASHTO..... | American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials |
| 2. | APCO..... | Association of Public Safety Communications Officials |
| 3. | FCCA..... | Forestry Conservation Communications Association |
| 4. | IACP..... | International Association of Chiefs of Police |
| 5. | NSA..... | National Sheriffs' Association |
| 6. | IMSA..... | International Municipal Signal Association |
| 7. | NASEMSO..... | National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials |
| 8. | IAFC..... | International Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc. |
| 9. | NPSTC..... | National Public Safety Telecommunications Council |

Board of Directors – Per the 700 MHz Order

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| 1. | APCO..... | Association of Public Safety Communications Officials |
| 2. | NENA..... | National Emergency Number Association |
| 3. | IACP..... | International Association of Chiefs of Police |
| 4. | IAFC..... | International Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc. |
| 5. | NSA..... | National Sheriffs' Association |
| 6. | ICMA..... | International City/County Management Association |
| 7. | NGA..... | National Governors Association |
| 8. | NASEMSO..... | National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials |
| 9. | NPSTC..... | National Public Safety Telecommunications Council |
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AASHTO

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials AASHTO is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association representing highway and transportation departments in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. It represents all five transportation modes: air, highways, public transportation, rail, and water. Its primary goal is to foster the development, operation, and maintenance of an integrated national transportation system.

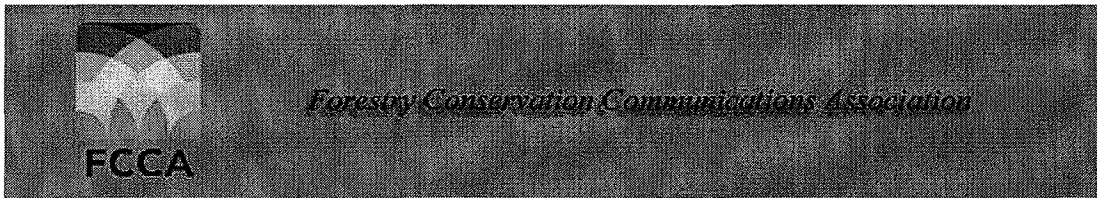
AASHTO Membership

The membership of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials is composed only of instrumentalities of government. The membership of this Association is by Member Departments, which shall be those Departments or Agencies of the States of the United States, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia in which the official highway responsibility for that State or Territory is lodged, and the United States Department of Transportation, which is an ex-officio member.

Wireless Matters and Frequency Coordination

AASHTO is on the cutting edge of public safety communications technology by building "fusion" centers housing traffic control, emergency operations, public safety answering points, and dispatch centers in a single, integrated facility sharing the wealth of information available from the DOT network of road sensors and cameras with police, fire, and emergency management agencies. Working with other standards organizations, AASHTO is writing and testing the standards used for a nationwide network integrating low-power vehicular and roadside transceivers. Not only will VII, or Vehicle Infrastructure Integration, make our roads and streets safer, it will allow emergency responders to automatically receive information regarding traffic and roadway conditions within their immediate area. This network also allows changing traffic signals for emergency vehicles giving them the green light as they respond to an emergency.

AASHTO, through its Special Committee on Wireless Technology (SCOWT) and predecessors has been involved in radio frequency communications and associated systems since 1953. AASHTO has served as the Federal Communications Commission's certified frequency coordinator for the Highway Maintenance Radio Service since 1983. AASHTO is certified to coordinate the shared Public Safety Pool including the 700 and 800 MHz band Public Safety frequencies.



A Proud History of Excellence in Service

The FCCA is a national organization that came into being during a meeting of State Foresters and their radio technicians in Washington, D.C. in 1944. For over four decades, we coordinated frequencies within the Forestry – Conservation spectrum. Today, over 50 years later, we continue to coordinate ALL public safety frequencies, including those in the 700 MHz and 800 MHz bands. We provide a full range of radio communications services for forestry and conservation agencies, police, fire EMS and local government.

Staying Strong with Active Member Participation

We encourage our members to become ambassadors for the best use of the radio frequency spectrum. Through active participation, the FCCA will continue to represent public safety professionals to effect positive change!

Doing More by Providing Services to Non-Members

Our strength as an organization lies in coordinating frequencies for use in local and wide area systems for both members and non-members. We also offer a variety of engineering and administrative support to give you a total package of services. When you use FCCA services, your business helps us to help you.

How the FCCA Helps Members

- Provides over 150 years of collective experience in frequency coordination
- Assists in system planning, coverage studies and frequency searches
- Represents membership to FCC hearings and their advisory organizations
- Supplies essential information regarding FCC actions
- Liaisons with all public safety radio service organizations
- Conducts an annual conference with a unique opportunity to discuss wide and local area radio issues
- Aids in interoperability planning
- Offers one-stop shopping for all of your frequency needs
- Accepts FCC applications electronically, accelerating the process
- Eliminates costly paper by offering secure on-line credit card transactions



International Municipal Signal Association

www.IMSAafety.org

IMSA is the oldest known association of its kind in the world. It dates back to October 1896, when a group of municipal signal men from several east coast cities met in Brooklyn, New York and organized an association called the "International Association of Fire and Police Telegraph Superintendents." Since its origin in 1896, IMSA has grown in size, stature and prestige. Today, the Association has over 11,000 members in all areas of the United States, in many areas of Canada, and in many of the free countries of the world.

IMSA offers educational and certification programs in a variety of public safety disciplines including Public Safety Telecommunications, Traffic Control, Work Zone Safety and Fire Detection and Reporting Systems. Over 70,000 individuals have attained IMSA certification in their field of public safety.

Working in an advisory capacity granted by the Federal Communications Commission, IMSA is one of the four public safety frequency coordination organizations. IMSA is the designated FCC frequency coordinator for the Fire, Emergency Medical and Special Emergency Radio Services as well as the Public Safety Pool frequencies including 700 MHz and 800 MHz.

IMSA has a long history of participation in wireless communications issues and spectrum allocation proceedings and frequently files comments on matters before the FCC. It is a founding member of the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) and the Public Safety Spectrum Trust (PSST). Its members have served on numerous committees established by the FCC that focus on Public Safety wireless communications requirements including the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee (PSWAC) and the National Coordinating Council (NCC).